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FINAL EXAMINATION

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PGP0022 – INTRODUCTION TO POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE

(All Sections / Groups)

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9.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.
(2 Hours)

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT

1. This Question paper consists of **THREE (3)** pages including the cover page.
2. Answer **ALL** questions from Section A and **ONE** question only from Section B.
3. Please print all your answers in the Answer Booklet provided.

SECTION A: COMPULSORY [75 MARKS]

Instruction: Answer **ALL** questions.

QUESTION 1

"The concepts of 'free' and 'fair' then, must be clearly defined and distinguished from other preconditions of democracy. They must also be translated into specific criteria that can be used to evaluate elections."

[Jorgen Elklit & Palle Svensson, *What Makes Elections Free and Fair*, Journal of Democracy, Vol 8 No 2 (1997) 35]

Explain the characteristics of a free and fair election and the extent of its application in Malaysia with reference to relevant authorities and examples.

(Total: 25 marks)

QUESTION 2

"Leadership style can affect organizational commitment and work satisfaction positively and work satisfaction intern can affect organisational commitment and work performance positively."

[Chung Hsiung Fung & Ors, *Applying Structural Equation Model to Study the Relationship Model among Leadership Style, Satisfaction,Organisation Commitment and Performance in Hospital Industry*, IEEE 2009]

In view of the above statement and with reference to relevant authorities and examples, illustrate the types of leadership styles.

(Total: 25 marks)

QUESTION 3

"Parliamentary systems usually have a clear differentiation between the head of government and the head of state, with the head of government being the prime minister or premier, and the head of state often being a figurehead, often being either a president (elected either popularly or by the parliament) or by a hereditary monarch (often in a constitutional monarchy)."

[Ilona Maria Szilagyi, *Presidential versus Parliamentary Systems*, AARMS, Vol.8 No.2 (2009) 307-314]

(Total: 25 marks)

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With reference to the above statement, explain the roles of the Head of Government in Malaysia. Support your answer with relevant authorities and examples.

SECTION B: OPTIONAL [25 MARKS]

Instruction: Answer **ONE** question only.

QUESTION 4A

"In a 'X' system, the Head of Government and the ministers of state depend for their continuation in office on the confidence of the legislature. The executive officials can be removed from office as a result of a no-confidence vote by the legislature."

[Thomas O. Sargentich, *The Presidential and Parliamentary Models of National Government*, American University International Law Review, Vol.8 Issue 2/3 (1993) 580]

Identify the 'X' system and discuss the application of its characteristics in Malaysia with reference to relevant authorities.

(Total: 25 marks)

QUESTION 4B

"The most central functions of 'Y' illustrate their significant societal position as an intermediary between the rulers and the ruled...It seems reasonable to take a closer look at the functions of 'Y' at three different levels:'Y' in the electorate, 'Y' as organization and 'Y' in government."

[Kristina Weissenbach, *Political Parties and Party Types- Conceptual Approaches to the Institutionalisation of Political Parties in Transitional States: The Case of the Philippines*, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, 2010, pg.7-8]

With reference to relevant examples, identify 'Y', discuss its functions and relate it accordingly.

(Total: 25 marks)

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